Opportunities for skilled man power in IT Industry

1327. SHRI PARMESHWER KUMAR AGARWALLA:
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand for skilled workers for IT industry will be 2.2 million by 2008 against the present total employment of 2,80,000;

(b) whether the available manpower will be sufficient to meet the demand;

(c) whether the scarcity of skilled personnel in IT Industry is pushing up salaries and eroding competitive ability of IT Industry in India;

(d) what steps Government are contemplating to enhance training facilities for IT personnel; and

(e) whether Government have any proposal to expand IITs or set up new institutions?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) the demand for IT professionals in the software sector by 2008 has been estimated at 2.2 million numbers against the present level of 3,40,000 currently employed.

(b) The issue here is mainly one of quality and not that of numbers and it is the endeavour of the Government to continuously upgrade the quality of the education.

(c) As the Indian IT industry goes up the value chain, salaries of IT professionals are also rising correspondingly, but this is not eroding its competitive ability.

(d) Several steps have been initiated by the Government to promote IT training and education at various levels, which include setting up of Smart schools, promotion of virtual Universities, IT education in the non-formal sector through the Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Courses (DOEACC) scheme and increasing the intake of students in both IITs and Regional Engineering Colleges (RECs).

(e) No, Sir.